

CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHY

(Optional)

Name: David M. Kartsonis

Years of Residency in City: _____

Occupational Title: Small business owner

Name of Spouse: _____

Names of Children: _____

Education:

School

Degree/Year

Yale University Financial Markets Certificate w/Honors/2022

University of California, Santa Barbara BA / 2006

El Camino College AA / 2004

Service Record (if applicable):

Branch of Service

Rank

Memberships and offices held in civic, fraternal, professional, or technical associations:

Name of Organization

Office Held

Term

City of Torrance Planning Commissioner 2020-Present

City of Torrance Parks and Recreation Commissioner 2019-Present

Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Vice President 2018-Present

El Camino College Foundation President 2009-2019

Accomplishments, awards, special skills, and interests:

Senatorial Commendation - Delra Bowen, Civic Award,

2nd Degree Black Belt - Tae Kwon Do,

Regents' Scholarship - Regents of the University of California

Raised in the South Bay, I've lived and worked in the area for over 26 years. As a teenager, I served on the Youth Commission where I got my first glimpse of local and state politics. I attended El Camino College, where I received my Associates of Arts degree. From there, I received the Regent's Scholarship to UC Santa Barbara and after finishing my education there, I returned to run and co-own at my family's company in Torrance, CA.

I live and own my home in North Torrance with my wife and two children. I didn't just wake up one day and decide I was going to run for City Council and I didn't just start getting involved in the community for my campaign. I have a long history of serving the community over the last two decades. Serving on the city council would allow me to continue my service in the community at an even greater level. As a brief overview of my community service:

- City of Torrance Planning Commissioner
 - Worked to ensure that restaurants in our community could continue operation outdoors during the pandemic
 - Approved RESPONSIBLE development in the city, including a developments to use abandoned land
 - Worked with staff to approve conditional use permits for businesses that don't fit the standard mold (example: sensor alignment company for self driving cars...)
 - Stood up to state overreach and worked with staff to protect our low density single family neighborhoods updating our ADU and JADU municipal codes as well as the city's Ordinance and Urgency Ordinance to address SB 9, SB 10, AB 345, and SB 478.
 - Worked with staff to reevaluate the off-street parking regulations that are potentially making Torrance unattractive for certain types of businesses.
 - Helped create the "Food Halls" category of business in Torrance
- City of Torrance Parks and Recreation Commissioner
 - Met with representatives working to install the Torrance Honor Roll Wall - Japanese internment wall in Columbia Park
 - Voted to ensure the installation of a SCAQMD air monitoring sensor in North Torrance to contribute data to torranceair.org.
 - Oversaw senior "HIP" home improvement program
 - Worked to increase Pickleball access in the city
 - Oversaw the distribution of \$20,000 in grants annually to social services agencies
 - Worked to increase access and use of recycled water in Torrance Parks.
 - Worked to ensure access to Torrance Parks for Torrance Little Leagues.
 - Represented the City at multiple concerts, awards events, festivals, and sports events.
 - Oversaw updates to the Dee Hardison Sports Center Restrooms
 - Oversaw installation of Adult Fitness Equipment at Wilson Park
 - Oversaw repairs to the Splash Pad at Wilson Park and fought to ensure the city was not responsible for payment.
 - Oversaw Park Ranger Program
 - Oversaw Toyota Sports Center
- Torrance Refining Company Citizen's Advisory Board Member
- El Camino College Foundation Board Member and President
 - Introduced and funded a pilot program bringing laptops into the classrooms
 - Funded millions of dollars in scholarships and support
 - Partnered with the District to start the South Bay Promise
 - Funded and supported the creation of the Warrior Food Pantry and Veterans Warrior Pantry
 - Grew the foundation by 100% while President
- El Camino Community College Bond Oversight Committee
- Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Board Member and Vice-President
- Dancing with the South Bay Stars Participant
- Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee Chair
- AYSO North Torrance Coach
- Torrance Small Business Owner
- Torrance Business Watch Member
- Redondo Beach Citizen's Police Academy Graduate
- Attended Torrance Partners in Policing
- Hosted the District 1 North Torrance Neighborhood Night Out
- Small Business Owner

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